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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

1. TEXT OF SECTION ON MAURITANIA IN SECRETARY'S 1972
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE APRIL 19 FOLLOWS
FOR POST INFORMATION:

2. QUOTE: THE ARRIVAL OF A RESIDENT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN
NOUABCHOTT IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MAURITANIAN
GOVERNMENT. THE UNITED STATES RESPONDED TO MAURITANIA'S
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO AVERT WIDESPREAD FAMINE IN THE
COUNTRY'S FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF DROUGHT BY AGREEING
TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY COMMODITIES THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD
PROGRAM.

3. QUOTE: ELSEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA OUR COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS EXPANDED. IN MAURITANIA NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD
TO UPDATE THE 1964 INVESTMENT GUARANTEE AGREEMENT AS PART
OF AN EFFORT TO ATTRACT MORE PRIVATE U. S. INVESTMENT TO
THAT COUNTRY. THREE AMERICAN FIRMS ARE NOW ACTIVE IN
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION THERE, AND OTHERS ARE DISCUSSING
POSSIBLE CONCESSIONS WITH THE MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT.

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